

# 2011 Sun Prairie Middle School Honors Band

The middle schools in the Sun Prairie area are joining together in order to create a special music experience for students. This year, we will organize a middle school honors band comprised of the strongest players from Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School, Patrick Marsh, Prairie View, Sacred Hearts and Peace Ev. Lutheran School. This ensemble will rehearse at Cardinal Heights on November 8, November 17 and 18 ending with an evening performance in the auditorium at Cardinal Heights. If you would like to audition for this group (and we encourage you to do so), we must impart some specific information to you.

Students selected to the honor band will be asked to pay a \$16.00 fee to help defray the cost of the pizza and the honor band t-shirts. In order to audition you must be able to make all three rehearsals and the performance. This commitment form must be signed by your parents and returned to your band director before you can audition. Auditions are coming up *quickly!* It would be a good idea to start working hard right now in order to be ready for this. Auditions will be held at your home school during the day on the following dates:

**Auditions are October 19, 20 and 21**

## Sun Prairie Middle School Honors Band Audition Requirements

1. **SOLO**- students should prepare a section of a solo or book exercise. Points will be awarded for tone/intonation, technique/accuracy, and interpretation/musicality.
2. **SCALES** – points awarded based on accuracy, steady pulse, correct fingerings/stickings. Extra points awarded for memorization.
  - Chromatic, the range of your instrument.
  - Concert Bb and Eb should be performed following the articulation pattern below:



\*Percussionists need to perform a snare solo and the above scales on a mallet instrument.

### *Tentative Schedule for November 8, 17 & 18 at Cardinal Heights*

#### **Tuesday, November 8**

6:00 – 6:25 pm pizza, pictures  
6:30-7:15 pm Full rehearsal  
7:15-8:00 pm Sectionals  
8:00-8:30 pm Full rehearsal

#### **Thursday, November 17**

6:30-8:30 pm Full rehearsal

#### **Friday, November 18**

Participants dismissed at 1:00 pm and bussed to CHUMS  
1:15-3:00 pm rehearsal  
3:05-3:50 pm sectional/masterclass  
3:50-4:00 pm picture  
4:00-5:30 pm rehearsal  
**5:30-6:30 pm potluck dinner for students & families**  
6:45-6:55 pm students meet to tune  
**7:00-7:45 pm final concert**

# 2011 Sun Prairie Middle School Honor Band Contract

**We understand the requirements for membership in this ensemble.  
We understand that we are making a commitment to attend all of the rehearsals and the performance. I the student understand that I need to prepare the music before the first rehearsal. I promise to work hard and have FUN! I'm marking my calendar now!**

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Parent/Guardian)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **(Student)**

Student T-Shirt Size (circle one)    **XXL    XL    L    M    S**

